

## ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A spoke for a tensioned spoke wheel is disclosed. The spoke comprises a shaft having first and second ends. A first segment of the shaft, adjacent the first end, has a given cross-sectional area, while a second segment of the shaft has a cross-sectional area  
5 less than the given area. The second segment is adjacent, and toward the second end from, the first. The surface of a part of the unthreaded portion of the first segment is shaped to form at least two opposed, flat, torque transmitting surfaces.